

REMARKS

Claims 2-9, 11-21, 23-25 and new claims 26 - 36 remain in the application.

In the Official Action the Examiner rejected: (1) claims 1-3, 5-8 and 22-25 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Zumbuhl and Wetten et al; (2) claim 4 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Zumbuhl, Wetten et al and Carr et al; (3) claim 9 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Zumbuhl, Wetten et al and Kelly; (4) claims 10-18, 20, and 22-25 as being unpatentable over the combination of Carr et al and Wetten et al; (5) claim 19 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Carr et al, Wetten et al and Zumbuhl; and, (6) claim 21 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Carr et al, Wetten et al and Kelly. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner on these rejections.

As originally filed, the claims were directed to a closure for a container whereas all of the claims are now directed to a combination of the originally claimed closure with a specific container. Applicants submit that this combination, including the container, is not taught by the combination of references as applied by the Examiner.

Applicants urge that the Amendment places the instant application in condition for further examination and prosecution. If the Examiner wishes to discuss the instant Amendment with Applicants' attorney, said attorney can be reached at (502) 584-1135.

Respectfully submitted,



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